WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Voluntary: Choral — Louis Vierne

Introit: Peace I leave with you — Amy Beach

Call to Worship

"How long, Lord, will you hide yourself from sight? Remember how fleeting is our life!" *Psalm 89, 46, 47*

Hymn: 63 All people that on earth do dwell *Old 100th*

For this hymn we use Ralph Vaughan Williams' magnificent setting, composed for the 1953 Coronation. The singing begins after a short fanfare and the playing over of the first line of the tune. After the fourth and final verse of the Psalm proper, there is a further fanfare, leading to a doxology, sung by all.

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
come ye before Him and rejoice.

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make;
we are His folk, He doth us feed,
and for His sheep He doth us take.

3 Oh, enter then His gates with praise,
approach with joy His courts unto:
praise, laud, and bless His name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good,
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

5 To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
The God Whom earth and heav'n adore
Be glory as it was of old,
Is now and shall be evermore.
Amen

We bring to God our prayers and
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father,
Which art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom,
The power and the glory, forever.
Amen

We hear the Word of God

Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 25. 14-30**
(Read by Mark McInnes)

14 "For it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and
entrusted to them his property; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two,
to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He
who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he
made five talents more. 17 So also, he who had the two talents made two
talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the
ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time the master of
those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had
received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying,
'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.'
21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have
been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your
master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying,
'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.'
23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have
been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your
master.'

24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I
knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering
where you did not winnow; 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent
in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master answered him,
'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not
sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? 27 Then you ought to have
invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have
received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him, and
give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more
be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what
he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer
darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'
Amen

Children's Time

We respond to God's Word with our Offering
(Children invited to help with the Offering)

Offertory: Lyric Melody — Cecil Armstrong Gibbs

Prayer

Children leave for Crèche and Sunday Club

Hymn: 502 Take my life and let it be — *Nottingham*

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, glad and free.
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of your love.
Take my feet, that I may run
bearing news of Christ your Son.

3. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my intellect and use
every power as you shall choose.

4. Take my will – your will be done;
may my will and yours be one.
Take my heart, it is your own;
it shall be your royal throne.

5. Take my love - my Lord, I pour
at your feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
all for you eternally.

We bring to God our Prayers of Confession

We hear the Word of God

New Testament: **1 Thessalonians 5. 1-11**

But as to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. **2** For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. **3** When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as travail comes upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. **4** But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. **5** For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. **6** So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. **7** For those who sleep sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. **8** But, since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. **9** For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, **10** who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him. **11** Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Amen

Anthem: Insanae et vanae curae Haydn

Insanae et vanae curae invadunt mentes nostras, saepe furore replent corda, privata spe, Quid prodest O mortalis conari pro mundanis, si coelos negligas, Sunt fausta tibi cuncta, si Deus est pro te	*Foolish and groundless cares invade our minds, Often with madness they fill our hearts, which are bereft of hope. What does it profit you, O mortal man, to strive after earthly things, if you neglect those of heaven? All things are favourable to you if God is with you.*

Intimations

Hymn: 498 Angel voices ever singing *Angel Voices*

1. Angel voices ever singing
round your throne of light,
angel harps, forever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless you
and confess you Lord of might.

2. Lord, we know your heart rejoices
in each work divine;
You did ears and hands and voices
in your praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for your pleasure all combine.

3. In your house our gifts we offer
from your love so free;
and for your acceptance proffer,
all unworthily,
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest psalmody.

4. Honour, glory, might, and merit
Yours shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessed Trinity:
Earth and heaven join in praising,
voices raising joyfully.

Sermon **Where to invest?**

We bring to God our prayers
of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn: 436 Christ triumphant *Guiting Power*

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Benediction and Threefold Amen

Voluntary: Fantasia in g, BWV 542(i) J S Bach